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PROVENANCE: The papers were donated in 1986 to the Library by Joseph Carter, the Association's President at the time.

HISTORY: The Federation of Civic Associations was founded in 1921 and brought together neighborhood groups to address common citywide or regional concerns. Historically, civic associations were African-American

PROCESSING PROCEDURES

General processing procedures consisted of discarding duplicates, unnecessary binders, and routine transmittals. Preservation copying of newspaper clippings was performed whenever feasible. Records in folders were arranged, unless otherwise indicated, in forward chronological order, with undated records appearing at the end of the folder

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records include the Federation's constitution, meeting minutes, and newsletters from many of its member civic associations. It also contains correspondence, reports, clippings, programs, invitations, flyers, legislative materials, handwritten notes, and other records, which document the activities of the Federation.

RELATED MATERIALS: Papers of Gregory New at the Capitol Hill Restoration Society Archives. In the Washingtoniana Division see the papers of member organizations such as the Dupont Park Civic Association (Coll 23) and other unprocessed collections of civic associations (ask Archivist for details); Records of the Federation of Citizens Association of the District of Columbia (Coll. 28); Artificial Collection (Coll. 60); and vertical files.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series 1: Federation Awards, 1.25 linear ft. (1963-1984)

This series contains program books, financial materials, correspondence, award applications, address lists, and invitations for annual awards presented to individual civic leaders in Washington, D.C. A few select awards were sponsored by local businesses and civic

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organizations, including the Evening Star Award, the NAACP Trophy, and a Safeway Scholarship to a local student. The majority of the Awards were given to ‘grassroots honorees,’ from the Federation to citizens working in a variety ways for civic improvement in the District. The folders are arranged chronologically.

Series 2: Topics, 2.75 linear ft. (1960-1979).

This series contains correspondence, clippings, committee reports, memoranda, and financial materials, which document the activities of the federation. The bulk of the papers are from the 1970s and cover issues and activities such as the Federation’s Black Tie Ball, consumer protection, city planning, civil defense the lottery, cultural arts, and home rule. Folders are arranged alphabetically by topic.

Series 3: Newsletters, 1 linear ft. (1964-1979).

The series contains newsletters of local civic associations, which are members of the Federation. It also includes the Federation’s newsletter. Member newsletters represented include those for Brightwood, Capitol View, and Southeast, to name a few. The folders are arranged alphabetically with the Federation’s newsletters appearing first.

Series 4: Interfederation and National business, .25 linear ft. (1967-1978).

The series consists of the Interfederation constitution, minutes of Interfederation meetings, and materials regarding the National Association of Neighborhoods

Series 5: Meeting minutes, 1.25 linear ft. (1965-1978)

The series contains meeting minutes, both hand and typewritten for Association meetings.

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Series 1: Awards

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Federation Awards, 1963-1972

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Federation Awards, 1973—1977

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Federation Awards, 1977-1984

Series 2: Topical Files

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Announcements, 1970-1973 (3 folders)
Black Tie Ball, 1972-1974 (3 folders)
City Planning documents, 1970-1980 (2 folders)

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Civic Responsibility Week, 1965-1979
Civil Protection Committee, 1967-1979 (3 folders)
Consumer protection committee documents, 1969-1979
Cultural Arts Committee, 1967-73 (2 folders)
Cultural Arts/Scholarship fundraiser project, 1973
Economic Development Committee, 1970-79 (2 folders)

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Education Committee, 1973-79 (2 folders)
Endorsement Policy, 1970
Environmental Committee, 1972-79
Annual Father Day's celebration, 1977-1984
Financial records, 1960-1964 (4 folders)
Financial records, 1974-1975

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Financial records, 1975-1979 (4 folders)
Honorary Life members, 1972
Lottery, 1973
Meeting attendance records, 1970-1978
Membership orientation, 1952, 1962, 1971-72, 1975 (4 folders)
Mothers Day program, 1972-1979 (8 folders)
News Media Committee, 1972-1973
New Media, WMAL, 1973

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President's papers, 1965-1979

President's testimonial for B. Alexander, 1974
Public utilities issues, 1970-1979
Recreation, 1972-1979 (2 folders)
Reference materials, 1966-1971 (3 folders)

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Reference Materials, 1979
Rosters, 1965-1979 (4 folders)

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Salute to Seniors, 1968-1979
Sanitation Committee, 1969-1971
Speakers Bureau Project, 1968
Treasurers Reports, 1975-1985
Transportation, 1969-1979
Urban Development Committee, 1979-1973
Zoning, 1966-1972

Series 3: Newsletters

Newsletters, 1966-1972

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Newsletters, 1973-1979
Brightwood Newsletters, 1972-1977
Burleith Newsletters, 1973-1979
Capitol View Newsletters, 1970-1984 (3 folders)

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North Michigan Park Newsletters, 1972-1979
Public Interest Community News, 1976-1979
Southeast Civic Association, 1964-1974 (3 folders)
Southwester Newsletter, 1976-1978

Series 4: Interfederation and National

Interfederation Council Constitution, 1967 and 1973
Interfederation Council meeting minutes, 1969-1974
National Association of Neighborhoods, 1977-1978

Series 5: Meeting Minutes

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Meeting minutes, 1965-1970 (6 folders)

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Meeting minutes, 1971-1972 (6 folders)

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Meeting minutes, 1973-1977 (4 folders)

Executive Committee and Delegate Assembly, 1976

Executive Committee Meetings, 1978 (2 folders)

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Executive Committee Meetings, 1978 –1979 (6 folders)